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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington

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Honorable John A. McCone
Director, Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear John:

The recently published National Intelligence Estimate, "Capabilities of Soviet General Purpose Forces, 1964-1970," is an excellent document which promises to be very helpful. It represents a marked improvement in our understanding of the Soviet forces, an improvement which should assist us greatly in our planning for the future.

I notice that the estimate reflects the kind of examination of evidence which I had in mind when I asked that a joint CIA/DIA study group on this problem be established two years ago. I trust that this group will continue to function as needed, and will make a final report on what it has been possible to accomplish before disbanding.

I am sending a similar letter to the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

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